## Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Original) A method for removing membranous lead sulfate deposited on electrodes of a lead-acid battery due to sulfation, featured by using a pulse current having a short pulse width to bring about a conductor skin effect for intensively dissolving the surface layer of said membranous lead sulfate deposited on said electrodes of said battery.
- 2. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1, featured by charging said lead-acid battery while or after applying said pulse current to said battery, to resolving the lead sulfate dissolved by applying said pulse current.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein said pulse width of said pulse current is less than  $1 \mu s$ .
- 4. (New) The method set forth in claim 2, wherein said pulse width of said pulse current is less than 1 μs.